

## 264 COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

264 Communications Squadron, Jul 1962

Redesignated 264 Combat Communications Squadron, Apr 1976

Redesignated 264 Combat Information Systems Squadron, 1 Jul 1985

Redesignated 264 Combat Communications Squadron

### STATIONS

Chicago, IL

**Peoria, IL**

### ASSIGNMENTS

Tactical Air Command, 1 Apr 1976

### COMMANDERS

Jack R. Kelm, 19 Feb 1948

Cpt Carl F. Bierbach, Jr,

LTC Willilam W. Black, 17 Oct 1953



LTC Irving Lewis (ANG photo)

LTC Irving Lewis, 1 Jul 1962

Maj James E. Long, 12 Sep 1967

Maj Eldred Dusold, 8 Nov 1970

LTC Troy Lowe,

Col James E. Long, 1 Jan 1980

LTC Ron Crouch

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

The 106th, the first communications squadron in the Illinois Air National Guard and the forerunner of the 264th, was Federally recognized on 19 February 1948 with a primary mission to provide telephone and teletype communications for the 126th Wing.

On 2 April 1951, it became part of the 156th Aircraft and Warning Group of the Illinois Air National Guard, with a new mission: to provide inter-squadron communications.

In July 1962, the squadron's designation was changed from the 106th to the 264th Communications Squadron, and its mission to provide necessary communications support for any Air Force organization to which the squadron was assigned or attached. The 264th became part of Tactical Air Command, and on 1 April 1976, the unit designation was changed to its present 264th Combat Communications Squadron.

The 264th has participated in annual Field Training all over the country, with its latest deployment being to Fort Bragg, North Carolina engaged in Operation "SOLID SHIELD '76", to which the unit supplied 84 personnel.

The 264th Combat Communications Squadron is capable of providing all communications: Telephone, Teletype, Microwave, High Frequency and Cryptographic equipment for a bare military base, with the power and personnel to operate it and the wheels to move it.

The 264th CCS's predecessor organization, the 106th, was called to active duty in September 1951, during the Korean Conflict, and was released from active duty after nine months of service.

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264th Mobile Comm Sq supported also with main terminal at O'Hare IAP and Teams at Fox Lake, Elk Horn, Fort Atkinson and Truax AFB, Madison Wis. 126th AREFW operated a Refueling Command Post at O'Hare IAP. (15 Jul 1972)

264th Mobile Comm Sq Supports the Total Force Concept. Backs up Naval Air Reserve, Army Reserve and Army National Guard plus USAF. Supplied Mobile Generator to Glenview NAS for GCA during energy shortage. Provided Comm Support to 305th Psy Ops Btl, O'Hare and Stone Park Army Reserve Units. Provided Comm Support between 1st Bn, 131st Inf Armory and Joliet Armory. Unit members VOLUNTEERS went TDY to Support USAF. (c. Jan 1974)

PERSONNEL OF THE 264th COMBAT COMMUNICATION SQDN and equipment airlifted to Eglin AFB and Pensacola NAS, Florida to participate in JCS exercise. USREDCOM sponsored "Bold Eagle, a joint readiness exercise. (18 Oct - 1 Nov 1977)

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